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President's Message

Joe Olson

Greetings, fellow numismatists! Happy holidays, and may God richly bless you in the coming new year.

Election nominations and acceptances must be received by Barbara Lowell by December 31. If you have an interest in serving TNA, please consider running for an office. Numismatics needs your enthusiasm, support, articles...in short, YOU.

Lyman Bartee was recently named TNA's Honorary President. Lyman, your vision and your loyalty have truly been an inspiration to all of us. It is wonderful to see your improving health and we are looking forward to your "calling to order" our next meeting in Fort Worth.

Our goal for the coming new year is to make TNA the best state numismatic society in America. We have a lot going for us, and we need your help to reach that higher plane. Educational articles are in critical demand. The sharing of knowledge generates interest, an appreciation for the past, and an understanding of the future.

Donations for our "Coins for A's" program are greatly appreciated. Today's youngsters need to know that we have confidence in their future leadership abilities, and we believe that we can help demonstrate this through our program.

Educational exhibits and displays at your local shows are excellent vehicles for teaching, communicating and motivating people, both young and old. Your exhibits will further numismatics, as well.

Giving educational talks is also an effective method of spreading numismatic knowledge. For many of you, talks can be easily prepared from what you already know in your areas of special interest. In fact, you may know more about a particular subject than is published.

Please give numismatics your hand. Thank you.

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From the 1st Vice President...

Leo DeLand

To the few who do contribute, my heartfelt thanks. Nothing will be said about the many who don't, because it isn't worth the time and effort. What we're talking about here are the contributors to the 1995 TNA Book Auction. This is being written on November 10 and you won't get to read it until sometime in December; hopefully, most of my work to set up and type the auction list will have been accomplished. From what this guy has seen so far, expect another great auction!

During this season of giving, I'd like to share something I ran across a while back - hope you enjoy it. Here is a brief background of some of the customs, traditions and legends associated with Christmas.

The **Christmas Tree** had its origins in Germany, where it was long revered as possessing the spirit of eternal life. Godlike spirits were believed to inhabit the trees, so people brought the trees inside to shelter the spirits. Martin Luther is credited for putting candles on the tree as a way of depicting the stars glowing in the heavens.

The **Christmas Card** tradition is thought to have begun in the 1840's in England. Cards gained popularity in the 1860's as new processes of color printing made the cards available to most everyone. Our Christmas cards convey greetings and goodwill to those we do not see or correspond with more than once a year.

The **Poinsettia**, known in Central America as Flame Leaf or Flower of the Holy Night, was brought to the United States by our ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Joel Poinsett. A Mexican legend tells of a poor girl who only had some flowering weeds to offer Mary. As the girl placed the weeds at the foot of the Virgin's statue, they turned to beautiful red poinsettia blooms.

The **Yule Log** originated in Persia. Long ago, once each year in Persia, a tree was felled and a round section, or wheel, was cut from the trunk. This section was marked in four segments, representing the seasons of the year. This calendar-like segment was called a Yole, and the log from which it was cut was called the Yole Log. As each new season of the year began, the wheel was turned. A huge fire was started and a portion of the Yole Log was placed in it, as the people prayed for kindness during the coming season.

The Britons later adopted this custom as part of their Christmas celebration, and the name changed to Yule. The barons opened their halls and all the people were welcome to enjoy the festivities as the great fire burned on the hearth.

Saint Nicholas was an early Christian bishop who, because of his love for children and his generosity, has more churches named after him than the apostles do. In fact, Russia and Greece have Saint Nicholas as their patron saint.

Dutch seamen carried reports of Saint Nicholas throughout Europe

describing how he brought gifts to the children of Holland on December 6. Europeans still picture the bishop as a bearded saint, riding a white horse and carrying a basket of gifts for good children, and a bundle of sticks for naughty children.

When the Dutch settled in New Amsterdam (New York), Saint Nicholas was depicted as a bearded man with a wide-brimmed hat, smoking a long Dutch pipe and wearing short breeches. In 1809, Washington Irving portrayed Saint Nicholas as a jolly, chubby man, riding in a sleigh pulled by reindeer. Irving's portrait led Dr. Clement Moore to write *A Visit From Saint Nicholas*. Dr. Moore wrote the poem for his children and, as he was reading it to them, a friend copied the words. A year later, the friend sent the poem to the Sentinel newspaper in Troy, N.Y., and they published it without an author's credit in December, 1923. It was many years before Dr. Moore was known as the author of this very beloved poem. In 1863, Thomas Nast, a cartoonist with *Harper's Illustrated Weekly*, presented Santa dressed in a fur-trimmed red coat, and Santa's appearance hasn't changed much through the last 130 years.

Santa is known as Jule Nisse in Norway; Pere Noel in France; Father Christmas in England; and Jultomten in Sweden. He has some unique modes of transportation, too. For example, in Australia, on the Nerang River, he sports a white beard, wears red swim trunks, and arrives on water skis.

Santa is not the only gift giver, however. The children of Spain, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Philippines, Argentina, Brazil, and other areas of South America receive their gifts from the Three Kings: Melchior, Kaspar and Balthasar. During the sixteenth century, Martin Luther felt that Saint Nicholas had overshadowed the true meaning of Christmas. In most of Germany and parts of Switzerland, Christkind (Christ Child) became the gift giver.

The **Living Manger** and **Christmas Carols** are credited to St. Francis of Assisi. In 1244, St. Francis of Assisi set up the first manger scene in the Italian village of Greccio, using live animals and people except for the wax life-size Christ child. St. Francis led the people in what are thought to be the first Christmas carols.

From our house and our group, we hope your fondest dreams come true. May your pleasures be treasures for all the rest of your days. Be careful and be kind to each other!



A Few Words From the Editor

Bob Metzger

Today is the day after Thanksgiving. Although I realize that you will be reading this closer to Christmas than Thanksgiving, the thanks I am about to express will be just as true then as now

Thanks to my wife, Chris, and my sons, Aidan and Ariel, for putting up with the hundreds of hours I have devoted to the *TNA News* and the Coins for A's program this year. Special thanks to Chris for her diligence in proofreading much of what has appeared in these pages. (If it had an error, she probably didn't proofread it.)

Thanks to everyone who has submitted show listings and club news. Already this year, over 100 reports have come in from 33 different clubs, representing 14 districts. Special thanks to those who submitted their material by the deadline for the issue in which they expected it to appear. Extra special thanks if it was 100% legible.

Thanks to each of you who submitted a feature article this year. Extra special thanks for illustrations and bibliographical data.

Thanks to the American Numismatic Association for getting on the Internet. Special thanks for posting its *Money Talks* and making them available to newsletters like ours for publication.

Thanks to those of you who sent donations of cash or material for the Coins for A's program. Thanks also to Austin coin dealers Coleman Foster and Rick Dennis, who have provided substantial discounts on the material I have purchased for the program with the donated funds. As of November 1, there was \$1,125.00 in the kitty and a couple of hundred coins in my hands. Special thanks to each of you who donated coins whose value exceeds the cost of postage to mail it to the kids. World coins and obsolete U.S. coins are in great demand by the youngsters, whereas we probably have enough 1940-1959 Lincoln cents to last us for years, especially considering how much it costs to mail them out.

Thanks to all the young scholars who have submitted their report cards to the Coins for A's program: James Duran, Ky Hazelbaker, Halle Hazelbaker, Angela Miller, Ariel Metzger, Jacob Morris, Tanya Pitzer, Blake Rawlings, Chase Rawlings, Luke Rawlings, David Seholm, Libby Seholm, Alicia Strother, Christopher Strother and Matthew Strother. Special thanks to the TNAers who have spread the word about our program to the children

Thanks to the TNA Board for lowering Junior members' dues to \$5.00 per year. Special thanks to those of you who have recruited one or more junior members, or given a membership as a gift

Thanks for all the nice notes, and all the nice words regarding the contents and appearance of the *TNA News*. Special thanks if you have read each and every issue cover to cover, and still feel that way

Thanks to the Texas Association of School Boards for providing me with the full-time job that has allowed me to keep doing all this TNA

stuff in my spare time. Special thanks to my coworkers in TASB's print shop for doing a marvelous job on printing it (starting with the June issue) Extra special thanks for doing it so inexpensively.

Thanks to all TNA News advertisers. We have some loyal folks who have been with us for years, and have picked up some new ones. We have also had a marked increase in the Professional and Club Directory listings. Special thanks to everyone who has patronized these folks.

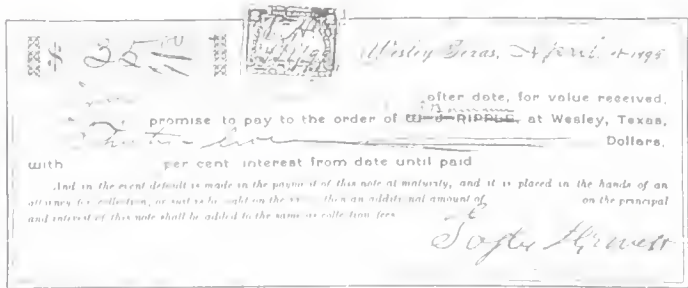
Thanks to everyone who worked so hard this year on the TNA Convention and the book auction. Special thanks to everyone who donated or bid on books in the sale. Without the proceeds from these activities, TNA would have a hard time surviving.

Thanks to everyone who has placed a numismatic exhibit, given a numismatic talk, written an article, put obsolete coins into circulation, or has done anything else to promote and support our hobby. Special thanks if your efforts have resulted in sparking an interest in at least one person.

Thanks to the fine numismatic club journals that have served as an inspiration to me, as editor of this one. Special thanks to ANA, EAC (Early American Coppers), TAMS (Token and Medal Society), NBS (Numismatic Bibliomania Society), and SPMC (Society of Paper Money Collectors) for setting the standard with their well-written and informative articles.

Thanks for reading to the end of this article. Special thanks for not getting upset with me if I forgot to thank you. It's been a long year.

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As many of you already know, I am a big fan of Texas merchant tokens. At a recent gathering of kindred spirits in Brenham, I was handed a photocopy of a promissory note, dated April 1, 1899. It is payable to the order of A. Bormann of Wesley, Texas, a tiny town located a few miles southwest of Brenham. For some reason, the Bormann name has been written in by hand, and the printed name, W.J. Ripple, has been crossed out. I am intrigued by this. Bormann and Ripple were token issuers, with a brass 5¢ token known for Ripple and aluminum 10¢, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00 tokens known for Bormann. Did Bormann buy Ripple out? Were they perhaps just friendly competitors, who shared their business forms? Any ideas, anyone?

Stephen F. Austin's Birthday

by Mark Van Winkle

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It was on this day in 1793 that the "Father of Texas" was born.

This is "A-N-A's Money Talks," and today, we'll tell the story of Stephen F. Austin, the man who was largely responsible for the birth of modern Texas.

Stephen Austin left Missouri and moved to Texas in 1821. Texas was part of Mexico at that time. Austin soon prospered, acting as a land agent for the Mexican government, and encouraging Americans to cross over into Texas and purchase land.

In 1833, one of Austin's letters was intercepted by Mexican authorities. The letter urged Texas officials to create their own state within the Mexican Confederation. Austin was thrown into a Mexican jail for his treasonous letter. Returning to Texas two years later, he found it in armed revolt against Mexico.

Austin became commander-in-chief of Texas' army, but quickly removed himself in favor of Sam Houston. He was appointed commissioner to the United States, and was successful in securing much-needed help and supplies for the rebellious Texan army. He ran unsuccessfully for President of the new Republic of Texas, then served as its Secretary of State under President Sam Houston.

Austin's likeness is featured on a commemorative half dollar created to celebrate the centennial of Texas independence. It's a superb example of how much detail can be crowded onto one side of a coin, while still retaining artistic merit. The coin's reverse features the large figure of "Winged Victory." She crouches, her arm cradling the Alamo, while the flags of the six nations Texas has been governed by stand behind her. There are small busts of Sam Houston and Stephen Austin on each side of her. Many consider the Texas half dollar to be one of the best designs in the entire U.S. commemorative series - and for the past 50 years, it's been one of the most popular commemorative coins among collectors.

This has been "Money Talks." Today's program was written by Mark Van Winkle, and underwritten by Western Publishing Company, serving collectors for more than 50 years. "Money Talks" is a copyrighted production of the American Numismatic Association, 818 N Cascade Av, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Telephone: (719) 632-2646, Internet: ana@athena.csdco.com.

Redesign U.S. Paper Money with Taste and Dignity

by James F. Looby
LCDR, CHC, USN

With avid interest, excitement and even a bit of ambivalence, I've read the many letters to the editor, special articles, reports and editorials concerning the redesign of U.S. coinage and Federal Reserve Notes (FRN's). All sides are valid and of interest. There are no right or wrong answers, suggestions or proposals. Probably we will see a redesign of our coinage in the not too distant future. Probably, again, we will continue to see the usual and relentless onslaught of praises and criticisms levelled at whatever the powers that be eventually decide to implement (just as we see with every commemorative or bullion product delivered by the Mint).

However, my primary interest within this article is to address the FRN issue. Most likely, the one single aspect which has stirred the interest of the sleeping, sluggish bureaucracy is that of counterfeiting. As long as the status quo was maintained, there prevailed an "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" mentality. Now, with great improvements in copying technology, the integrity of our currency has been compromised. This, in turn, undermines the veracity of our government and decreases the acceptability of United States currency abroad and, eventually, at home. The fiasco of the anti-counterfeiting thread and microprinting surrounding the vignettes have managed to fuel the calls to scrap current designs and formats for a more commonly seen and expected multicolored, watermarked currency prevalent worldwide. Maybe this is good, maybe not. I really don't know. As with all other coinage and currency issues, we each have our opinions, likes and dislikes.

My job takes me to many countries, all over the world. That, in and of itself, is no big deal nowadays. Today, many of us travel regularly to various countries. But I am in the United States military, a naval officer, and I have had the privilege to be stationed in several countries - three years in Okinawa, one year in Korea, one year on Bahrain - in addition to my brief stopovers and port calls to numerous others.

One fact stands out: every country accepts (even covets) United States currency. When Americans shop with greenbacks, merchants perk up and give them special attention and consideration. The bottom line is that they want those American dollars.

When our ships pull into a foreign port, some of the first people allowed aboard are the money changers. They are the ones who "sell" local currency in exchange for dollars. They usually do a tremendous amount of business, because Sailors and Marines are really anxious to hit the town and spend, spend, spend. Those of us who choose to bypass the convenience of the onboard moneychangers usually manage to do a

the exchange rates can vary greatly. It is all a matter of doing one's homework. A sort of "buy the book before you buy the coin" mentality.

Interestingly, American G.I.'s often do not consider foreign money as valuable as American currency. They tend to spend it more freely and lavishly, and quite often refer to all foreign money somewhat derogatorially or sarcastically as "bongo," indicating a certain disdain. The superiority of the American dollar is well etched in their minds, and they view it as the only "real" money. Quite frankly, I've felt that way myself. It is as though it is unavoidable.

I remember when I was stationed in Korea in 1970-1971. Upon arriving in country, we were required to relinquish all greenbacks and receive, one for one, MPC's (Military Payment Certificates). Even these U.S. government issued MPC's were not considered as good as "real" money. Periodically, the U.S. government would recall outstanding MPC's and issue all new certificates. The old MPC's were then demonetized, repudiated and declared of no commercial value.

When I returned to the United States, the greenbacks I received in exchange for my MPC's almost seemed unreal. Genuine money! I remember treating my "real" money with newly found respect.

United States currency is unique in all the world. No other money even remotely resembles our currency. Our FRN's reflect our heritage, strength, pride, stability and uniqueness among the family of nations. It commands respect and acceptability in every country. It is, in short, a worldwide currency, and is considered as such. Wearisome as it may seem to us day after day, ours is a stable currency which has never been demonetized or repudiated.

Our currency should, and most likely will, be redesigned. I don't have a problem with that. But, any redesign consideration needs to go beyond the concerns to thwart the counterfeiting market. We must have a currency that stands as unique and maintains the same sense of dignity it has always been accorded. I don't think that a rainbow of colors or a cornucopia of vignettes to placate special interests would suffice for the world's currency. The world's pockets are filled with the likes of such predictable colors and designs which, interestingly, have also grown wearisome.

As the United States has attained preeminence in so many other areas, so too should we retain our standing and stature among worldwide currencies. We must design paper money that will not only satisfy national needs, but also serve as an acceptable and distinct worldwide currency standard.

Mr. Loobys article originally appeared in the February 1 1994 issue of Numismatic News. Thanks to Robert Van Ryzin of Krause Publications for permission to reprint it here. Mr. Looby (TNA R-5676) is currently stationed at the Naval Base in Philadelphia, PA. The opinions stated in the article are Mr. Loobys own, and may or may not reflect the opinions of the TNA

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Numismatic Book Review

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Standard Catalog of United States Tokens, 1700-1900. Russel Rulau. 824 pp., illus., softcover. 1994. Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. \$45.00 + \$2.50 shipping. VISA/MC: (800) 258-0929.

This new volume from KP is the largest, most comprehensive reference on tokens used in the United States from the 1700's through the end of the nineteenth century. It combines the information from five previous books authored by Rulau (*Early American Tokens*; *Hard Times Tokens, 1832-1844*; *U.S. Merchant Tokens, 1845-*

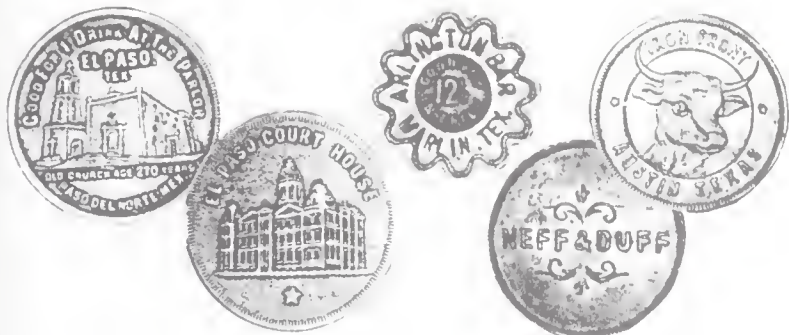
1860; *United States Trade Tokens, 1866-1889*; and *Tokens of the Gay Nineties, 1890-1900*) with listings of store cards and patriotic tokens from the Civil War era. Needless to say, even in 8.5" by 11.5" format, this amount of information makes for a very hefty book.

For anyone looking for a one-stop source of basic information on U.S. tokens through 1900, it is also THE book to own. Rulau points out in his introduction that it is not intended to replace the five individual texts and, in fact, there is some very interesting background material in the individual books that is not included in this volume. Notably absent are some wonderful historical notes by Bowers, Schenkman and other token experts. Nonetheless, it has over 2,500 photos and pricing information in a number of grades, as well as some useful information on Civil War tokens, previously available only in George and Melvin Fuld's monumental, comprehensive works on the subject. Granted, the Civil War token listings in the Rulau work are not comprehensive, but they do give the neophyte a nice introduction to both the store card and patriotic series. Hard-core CWT buffs like myself will still need the Fuld books near at hand, but the pricing data that Rulau and his collaborators have assembled is long overdue and very welcome.

Rather than simply repackaging the information in the individual works, Rulau has updated both the listings and the prices. Some tokens of questionable status have been deleted, many new ones have been added, and explanatory notes and pricing data have been updated to reflect the current state of affairs. This updated information makes this book essential even to those of us that already have the individual references in our libraries. In a quick perusal of the 1866-1889 Texas section, for instance, I noticed many new listings.

There are some other very nice features in the *Standard Catalog* as well as, unfortunately, quite a number of errors. There is a terrific bibliography, stretching approximately four and a half pages. I've mailed a copy of it off to Santa Claus with the ones I lack highlighted. There is also a most useful 30 page alphabetical (by merchant) index. There are two pages listing names and mailing addresses for nearly two dozen numismatic societies that specialize in U.S. tokens (oddly, the National Scrip Collectors Association is not included). Rulau lists over 450 expert consultants and/or contributors, but the reader may be a bit challenged to navigate the list, since the order of two of the alphabetized columns has been reversed. There is a wonderfully informative introduction to the Hard Times Tokens section, but the 17 pages immediately following are erroneously labelled as "Introduction," even though they contain listings for over 100 political pieces. The section on Civil War store cards lists only the most common token for each merchant, as Rulau explains in his introduction to that section, but suffers from a paucity of illustrations, and some of the few that do appear are wrongly identified as patriotics. The store card reverse die photo section is also mislabelled as "Introduction," except for the last page, which is correctly identified. A large number of the patriotic Civil War token dies are not illustrated, making this section very difficult for the novice to use. A few of the supplemental indices of counterstamps, etc., from the individual volumes are not present, I assume this was intentional, but I personally would like to see them included, since they offer quite a bit of useful information.

All things considered, this is a most welcome addition to my library, and should be the same to anyone interested in this very broad and interesting subject. I will be interested to see how the softcover binding holds up over time, since I anticipate that it will be taken down off the shelf and used quite frequently. Hopefully, subsequent editions will correct the errors overlooked by the proofreaders this time, and perhaps it will be offered in hardcover. Meanwhile, please don't let these shortcomings discourage you from obtaining this comprehensive work on the fascinating world of tokens.



The Historical Perspective

Jeffrey Jon Meyer

Hi It is me again - your historian. There is not a great deal going on that "I know about." Maybe if someone would send me something, this column could be a little more interesting (HINT, HINT??)

I would like to thank our immediate Past President, Ray Whyborn, for news clippings that he has given me over the last year. I am considering coming up with some sort of incentive to encourage you members to get more involved and send me articles/stories on people, places or events that have impacted TNA over the years. Does the possibility of seeing your name in print appeal to you? Well, maybe that is not the answer. Maybe a coin, or maybe something more esoteric? I will be more than happy to entertain suggestions.

Please read the other columns and articles. You might find something there that interests you. If not, why not write your own??? Otherwise, you might be stuck reading this stuff I write - and I don't think you want that, do you?

Until next time...



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Secretary's Notes

Barbara Lowell

Welcome to member #5898. The following have applied for membership. If approved, they will become members January 1, 1995:

- R-5899 {D-09} Carl W. Robertson, 8007 Brentwood, Lubbock, TX 79424 Half dollars. Lamonte Pitzer.
- R-5900 {D-09} Bob Kirk, 8103 Knoxville Av, Lubbock, TX 79423. All coins. Lamonte Pitzer.
- R-5901 {D-09} Nathan Lee Allred, 3601 31st St, Lubbock, TX 79410. Confederate currency, Civil War coins & currency. Lamonte Pitzer.
- R-5902 {D-07} Richard W. King, 7231 Meadow Breeze, San Antonio, TX 78227. DBA Richard's Things. Gordon Haegelin.
- R-5903 {D-14} Joseph Dillon, Rt 1, Box 59B6, Alamo, TX 78516. World coins. Helen Snider.
- R-5904 {D-06} Robert Hunt, 12423 Chadwell, Houston, TX 77031. Walking Liberty half dollars, Morgan dollars. Secretary.
- R-5905 {D-04} N Shirlene Pearson, 2419 Agarita Trail, Round Rock, TX 78664. Frank Clark.
- R-5906 {D-10} M. Preston Brown III, 3405 Craigo, El Paso, TX 79904. U.S. coins. Millard Brown.
- R-5907 {D-10} Terry Woelper, 3428 Keltner #4, El Paso, TX 79904. U.S. & world coins. Millard Brown.
- LM-176 {D-05} David Lisot, 3000 Custer Rd #355, Plano, TX 75075. All coins. David Burke.

V.I.P. Award: Lamonte Pitzer

DECEASED

LM-76 George E. Kesterson, Fort Worth, TX

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Cash up to \$24.99:

R-5569 Dan Collier where needed

Material (no stated value):

R-3010	Nela Runkle	Coins for A's
R-3978	Helen Snider	Coins for A's
LM-163	Frank Clark	Coins for A's
R-1681	Ray Whyborn	Coins for A's
R-5696	Barbara Lowell	Coins for A's
CLM-16	South Plains Coin Club	Coins for A's
C-198	Heart of Texas Coin Club	Coins for A's

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Step by Step

Development of a Quality Exhibit

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Your exhibit should revolve around a central theme or purpose. Decide what you want to exhibit and develop a theme, then make up a preliminary title. This can change as needed as your exhibit evolves. Throughout the process, make sure that your exhibit goes with your title. Special attention needs to be paid here to ensure that your title is not too broad. For example, an exhibit with the title "U.S. Coins" would not be achievable by most, if anyone. Instead, make the title specific to what you are exhibiting, such as, "U.S. Half Dollars, 1950-1964," or "My Favorite U.S. Coin." You should thoroughly research your subject. In-depth research is not necessary, but the more detail, the better. Remember to read the exhibit rules to ensure that what you have in mind is allowable, in terms of number of cases, lights, outside signs, etc. Finally, make sure that your exhibit is complete and has eye appeal. To improve eye appeal, include a background such as felt or poster board, making sure that it enhances, rather than detracts from, the exhibit. If at all possible, type all text and make the right and left margins even (like the ones in this article). Make sure that your title is large enough to be seen, but does not dominate. The first case should contain the title and explanatory information. References or bibliography (always required) should be in the last case. Associated (not necessarily numismatic) items are a great addition to an exhibit, so long as they are not a distraction.

The next 3 pages contain the 1995 TNA Exhibit Rules. On the page after that is a copy of the Exhibit Judging Sheet, and on the fifth page following, you will find an Application to Exhibit.

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TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC
1995 CONVENTION (MARCH 31 - APRIL 2)

EXHIBIT RULES

INVITATION TO EXHIBIT NUMISMATIC MATERIAL

All members of the Texas Numismatic Association, Inc., are invited to participate as exhibitors under the following rules

1 Exhibits are divided into three (3) Groups.

Group A - Competitive exhibits by all members of TNA

Group B - Non-competitive exhibits by members of TNA and exhibitors invited by the General Chairman of the Convention.

Group C - Competitive Junior exhibits by Junior members of TNA.

2 Exhibit applications must reach the Exhibits Chairman at least three (3) weeks prior to the opening date of the convention. Applications received after that date will be assigned space and/or cases as available

3. Each exhibitor may enter not more than one exhibit in each of two (2) classifications of Group A. The exhibitor will designate the exhibit classification; however, the Exhibits Chairman, after conference with the exhibitor, may transfer the exhibit to the proper classification. An exhibit may be entered by proxy

4 Exhibitors shall not violate the Domestic Gold & Silver Act by displaying forged, spurious, or counterfeit material - unless exhibited in Group B for educational purposes. Items known to be legitimate copies or replicas must be so labeled.

5. The identity of the exhibitor will not appear in competitive exhibits. All exhibited material must be the individual property of the exhibitor. Exhibitors will not be in the exhibit area during judging

6. Any exhibit which has received a Best-of-Show, or a First Place Award, may be re-entered competitively only after three (3) years unless the exhibit is substantially changed. Unchanged exhibits may be exhibited in Group B

7 TNA exhibit cases are 21" x 33" x 2 1/2" and Each exhibitor will be limited to three (3) cases, unless specifically approved by the Exhibits Chairman. Exhibitors providing their own cases normally will be limited to an equal amount of space - approximately 10 lineal feet. If more space is required it must be cleared with the Exhibits Chairman. Exhibits will not stand more than twenty-six (26) inches above the surface of the exhibit table, including exhibit lights.

8 Exhibits may be placed in the Exhibit Area (s) between 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM Thursday and 8:00 AM Friday and 10:00 AM Saturday, unless special arrangements are made with the Exhibits Chairman. Exhibits will not be dismantled prior to 3:00 PM Sunday unless approved by the Exhibits Chairman. All exhibits will be removed by 6:00 PM Sunday

9 The Exhibits Chairman will keep records showing the name of each exhibitor, Group, Classification, number of exhibit and the number and ownership of the cases used. The names of the competitive exhibitors will be known only to the Exhibits Chairman and his assistant until all judging has been completed. Each exhibit will be identified by Group, Classification and number. The keys to all cases shall be kept by the Exhibits Chairman. No cases will be opened by exhibitors without the Exhibits Chairman, or his appointed assistant, being present.

10. CLASSIFICATIONS

Group A - COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

CLASS 1 - UNITED STATES COINS - All U. S. Coins and Patterns, and all metallic issues used in Colonial America

CLASS 2 - UNITED STATES PAPER MONEY - All paper money issued for the UNITED STATES from 1861 to the present day

CLASS 3 - OBSOLETE PAPER MONEY ISSUED IN THE U. S. - Continental and Colonial Currency, State Bank Notes, Confederate Currency, Confederate States Notes and Script

CLASS 4 - FOREIGN COINS AFTER APPROXIMATELY 1,500 A.D. - Coins issued by any foreign country and in any metallic content

CLASS 5 - COINS ISSUED PRIOR TO APPROXIMATELY 1,500 A.D. - Coins issued by any country

CLASS 6 - WORLD PAPER MONEY - Paper money of any kind issued by any country, other than the UNITED STATES, including M. P. C.'s.

CLASS 7 - MEDALS - Medals issued in any country.

CLASS 8 - TOKENS - Tokens issued in any country, as a media of exchange or for advertising purposes.

CLASS 9 - GENERAL OR SPECIALIZED - Material not covered in Classes 1 - 8, or covered by more than one such Class Bars, ingots, errors, etc

Group B - NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

Group C - JUNIOR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS - CLASS 1 - ALL TYPES

11. AWARDS

a FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE AWARDS may be given for each competitive Classification. The Chief Judge has the authority to withhold any such awards in any Classification where exhibits are deemed insufficient or unworthy of an award. At least 90% of the material in each exhibit must conform to the applicable Classification definition and earn an average of at least sixty-five (65) scoring points to merit a first place award.

b ONLY FIRST PLACE AWARD WINNERS in any Group A and/or Group C Classification will be eligible for THE BEST-OF-SHOW AWARD.

c. Group B NON-COMPETITIVE Exhibitors may receive a suitable appreciation award for their participation

d. Except for THE-BEST-OF-SHOW and SPECIAL AWARDS, each exhibit will be eligible for only a single award

12. SELECTION OF BEST-OF-SHOW AWARD

The BEST-OF-SHOW AWARD will be selected from the first place winners in GROUPS A and C, without reference to the original score sheets for those exhibits. The Judges will consider but not be limited to the following

a. How consistently has the exhibit followed the announced title or theme for the exhibit?

b. Does the display give a striking or exceptional effect, or is it merely average in its overall appearance?

c. Does the exhibit add anything to numismatic knowledge not generally known to the average collector of this type of material?

d. To what extent has careful research been accomplished as evidenced by numismatic knowledge imparted to the viewer?

e. Has credit been given to sources of written numismatic material?

13. SPECIAL AWARDS

The Special Exhibit Award sponsor, or his representative, will be responsible for judging and selecting the winner of his award, working in coordination with and subject to the approval of the Head Judge

The Special Exhibit Award sponsor, or his representative, will be responsible for the selection, purchase and presentation of his award to the winner at the Awards Breakfast.

a. RICHARD H. SCHWEERS AWARD - established in 1981 for the best exhibit of coins before 1500 A.D., and is provided by the Greater Houston Coin Club.

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TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
EXHIBIT JUDGING SHEET

EXHIBIT NUMBER _____ NUMBER OF CASES _____ TOTAL SCORE _____ (100 POSSIBLE)

NAME OF EXHIBIT _____

NUMISMATIC INFORMATION: 3 Points for each. SCORE: _____

1. Is there a title for the exhibit? Yes _____ No _____
2. Nationality of coin, token, medal or paper money? Yes _____ No _____
3. Denomination of coin, token, medal or paper money? Yes _____ No _____
4. Metal used in striking, or a brief notation of paper? Yes _____ No _____
5. Date of use, striking or issuance? Yes _____ No _____
6. Place of striking or issuance? Yes _____ No _____
7. Description of principal design on obverse or reverse? Yes _____ No _____
8. Style of security-edge of coin or security of paper money? Yes _____ No _____
9. Translation of mottoes or legends, if necessary? Yes _____ No _____
10. Interpretation of symbolism used? Yes _____ No _____
11. Is the purpose of the exhibit apparent? Yes _____ No _____
12. Is there a general statement about the exhibit which would make for a better understanding of the exhibit for the casual viewer? Yes _____ No _____
13. Are the designer, the mint master or the moneyer shown? Yes _____ No _____
14. Is the writing tied together in an effective manner? Yes _____ No _____
15. Is there any historical background attached to the exhibit which makes for better understanding of the material? Yes _____ No _____

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1. Is the exhibit fresh, new, or unusual? (0 to 4 points) _____
 2. Is the material arranged in a pleasing manner, possessing balance, symmetry and neatness? (0 to 4 points) _____
 3. Are the words spelled correctly and is the writing easily read? (0 to 4 points) _____
 4. Do the background and the arrangement enhance the material rather than detract from it? (0 to 4 points) _____
 5. Is the exhibit presented in a simple but effective manner, without elaborate cases, lighting effects and gimmicks -- but has the exhibitor taken into account that the lighting in most exhibit halls is not the best for displaying coins? (0 to 4 points) _____
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COMPLETENESS: Is the material shown in this exhibit complete insofar as it relates to the title or theme of the exhibit? (0 to 10 points) _____

CONDITION AND RARITY: The condition and rarity of a coin is not judged in relation to the coins issued in one country, nor in one year, nor in one series, but in relation to all coins struck anywhere (0 to 25 points) _____

Common coins XF - 0 points, Unc - 5 points, Proof - 8 points _____
 Scarce coins XF - 10 points, Unc - 13 points, Proof - 18 points _____
 Rare coins XF - 20 points, Unc - 25 points, _____

COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS - USE OTHER SIDE IF NECESSARY



TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
1995 ANNUAL CONVENTION

APPLICATION TO EXHIBIT

1 TITLE OF EXHIBIT _____
GENERAL DESCRIPTION _____
GROUP _____ CLASS _____ NO. OF CASES _____

2 I HAVE MY OWN CASES. YES _____ NO _____. TABLE OR WALL SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE
EQUIVALENT OF 3 TNA CASES. TABLE _____ OR WALL _____ SPACE REQUIRED _____ FT

3. RELEASE RESERVE _____ TNA CASES (21" X 33" INSIDE DIMENSIONS) EACH EXHIBITOR IS
LIMITED TO 3 CASES, IF AVAILABLE

4 PLACEMENT OF CASES. HORIZONTAL _____ OR VERTICAL _____

5 ELECTRICAL OUTLET NEEDED, IF AVAILABLE? YES _____ NO _____. BRING YOUR OWN EXTENSION

6. HAVE YOU RECEIVED A **BEST OF SHOW** OR A **FIRST PLACE** AWARD FOR THIS EXHIBIT IN ANY
PRIOR TNA CONVENTION? YES _____ NO _____. IF YES, WHAT CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE
MATERIAL TO BE EXHIBITED ON THIS OCCASION?

7. EXHIBITS MUST BE PLACED BY SATURDAY 10:00 AM AND MUST NOT BE DISMANTLED PRIOR TO
SUNDAY 3:00 PM (SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE WITH THE EXHIBITS CHAIRMAN.)
8. DO YOU CONSENT TO THE EXHIBIT CHAIRMAN OPENING YOUR EXHIBIT CASE(S) IN YOUR ABSENCE
FOR EXAMINATION OF MATERIAL BY A JUDGE? YES _____ NO _____
- 9 I HEREBY GUARANTEE THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY PREPARED MY EXHIBIT AND THAT ALL
NUMISMATIC MATERIAL IN MY EXHIBIT IS MY INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY
10. I HEREBY AGREE TO EXHIBIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXHIBIT RULES AND JUDGES' SCORING
SHEET, A COPY OF WHICH I HAVE RECEIVED AND WHICH I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND.
- 11 IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO CANCEL MY EXHIBIT, I AGREE TO NOTIFY THE EXHIBITS CHAIRMAN,
IN WRITING, AT LEAST TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE CONVENTION, OR IF LATER, BY
TELEPHONE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
12. IN CONSIDERATION OF PROVIDING PROTECTED EXHIBIT SPACE, I AGREE NO LIABILITY WILL
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APPOINTED OFFICERS, AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH OF THEM, FOR ANY LOSS OR
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NAME _____ TNA MEMBERSHIP # _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SIGNATURE: _____ SIGNATURE _____
(EXHIBITOR) (PARENT/GUARDIAN OF JUNIOR EXHIBITOR)

EXHIBIT # _____
GROUP _____ CLASS _____
WALL SPACE _____
DATE RECD _____ DATE CONFIRMED _____

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Calendar Of Events

- Dec 17** **Sugar Land, TX**
2nd Annual Clements Coin Club Show & Auction
Clements High School, 4200 Elkins Drive (in the commons)
Contact: Clements Coin Club, (713) 980-6899
P.O. Box 1004, Sugar Land, TX 77487-1004
- Jan 13-15** **Houston, TX** **114 Tables**
Greater Houston Coin Club's 38th Money Show
J.W. Marriott Exhibit Center, 5150 Westheimer (across from Galleria)
Call: Byron Paris, (713) 558-1540
- Jan 21** **Austin, TX** **38 Tables**
Central Texas Coin Stamp & Sports Card Show
Quality Inn South, 2200 South IH 35 (at Oltorf)
Contact: Francis Smith, (512) 448-6372
P.O. Box 1182, Austin, TX 78767
- Jan 28-29** **Tyler, TX**
Coin Show
Harvey Convention Center, South Annex
Contact: Tom Bennington, (903) 597-3138 or Horace Cook, 593-4171
P O. Box 7276, Tyler, TX 75711-7276
- Feb 11** **Pharr, TX** **50 Tables**
Hidalgo Coin Club Coin & Collectible Show
Pharr Civic Center, 1011 W. Kelly
Contact: Mike DiGennaro, (210) 425-3845
2001 N. Parkwood, Harlingen, TX 78550
- Feb 18-19** **Fort Worth, TX** **65 Tables**
13th Annual Winter Coin & Stamp Show
Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway
Contact: Joe or Linda Wade, (817) 485-1777
6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth, TX 76180
- Feb 24-26** **El Paso, TX** **64 Tables**
32nd Annual International Coin Club of El Paso Show
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 Holiday Inn (Houston Room), Beaumont Plaza, 3950 I-10 South
 Contact Jack Provost, (409) 385-9272
 P.O. Box 1676, Silsbee, TX 77656
- Mar 18-19** **Waco, TX** **70 Tables**
 17th Annual Waco Coin & Stamp Show
Sponsored by Waco Coin Club, Inc. & Heart of Texas Stamp Club, Inc.
 Waco Convention Center, 100 Washington Avenue
 Contact: Dalton Adams, (817) 776-6655
 PO Box 8773, Waco, TX 76714-8773
- Mar 25-26** **Lubbock, TX** **75 Tables**
 South Plains Coin Club 35th Annual Coin & Sports Card Show
 Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th St
 Write: SPCC Show Chairman, P.O. Box 6326, Lubbock, TX 79493
 Call: Ed Chauncey, (806) 792-2245
- Mar 31-Apr 2** **Fort Worth, TX** **160 Tables**
 Texas Numismatic Association 37th Convention
 Tarrant County Convention Center, 111 Houston Street
 Contact: Chris Keogh or Everett Hull, (817) 336-1782
 P.O. Box 9107, Fort Worth, TX 76147
- May 6-7** **San Antonio, TX** **35 Tables**
 18th Annual San Antonio Coin, Card & Stamp Show
Sponsored by Gateway Coin Club
 Oak Hills Motor Inn, 7401 Wurzbach Road
 Contact: Ray Tate, (210) 271-3429
 P.O. Box 12964, San Antonio, TX 78212
- May 13-14** **Fort Worth, TX** **65 Tables**
 1st Annual Mid-Season Coin & Stamp Show
 Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway
 Contact: Joe or Linda Wade, (817) 485-1777
 6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth, TX 76180
- Aug 26-27** **Fort Worth, TX** **65 Tables**
 24th Annual Summer Coin & Stamp Show
 Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway
 Contact: Joe or Linda Wade, (817) 485-1777
 6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth, TX 76180

Balance Sheet
Mike Grant - Treasurer

January 1, 1994 - November 1, 1994

ASSETS:

Current Assets

Cash - checking	\$ 16,982.02
"Coins for A's" Fund	1,125.00
ANA Jr. Seminar Fund	1,268.25
TNA Memorial Library Fund	692.58

Investments

CD Life Membership Fund	\$ 10,146.33
CD	10,000.00

Total Current Assets	\$ 40,214.18
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

Current Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Long Term Liabilities	0.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 0.00

Equity

Retained Earnings	\$ 39,491.73
Current Period Net Income/(Loss)	722.45

Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 40,214.18
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<u>TOTAL ASSETS:</u>	\$ 40,214.18
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Statement of Income and Loss

Mike Grant - Treasurer

September 2, 1994 - November 1, 1994

REVENUE:

Dues	\$	281.00	
Donations		10.00	
Advertising		25.00	
Medal Sales		38.00	
"Coins for A's" Fund		1,065.00	
Interest		115.27	
1995 TNA Auction Deposit		500.00	
Check Returned and Voided		175.00	
Total Revenue			\$ 2,209.27

EXPENSES:

President Expenses	\$	15.46	
Secretary Allowance		350.00	
Secretary Expenses		41.24	
Editor Allowance		200.00	
Editor Expenses		100.51	
Medals Officer Expenses		8.41	
Treasurer Expenses		21.62	
Newsletter Printing Costs		749.58	
Total Expenses			\$ 1,486.82

Income/(Loss) From Operations	\$	722.45
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District Meetings

DISTRICT III

Twenty-two members attended the October 3 meeting of the **Central Texas Coin Club** at Brownwood's Heartland Mall. Thomas Copeland donated a set of Canadian coins, to be given away by the club to kids who bring in their report cards. Bob Bills discussed upcoming coin shows, and announced that he would be stepping down as TNA District III Governor, due to his wife's health. Everyone was saddened to hear this, and wished them both the very best. After the business meeting, the evening's auctioneer, Mr. Carroll Hinds, did a great job conducting the sale.

--Joy Rhodes, club Secretary

DISTRICT IV

The September 1 meeting of the **Williamson County Coin Club** was attended by 9 members. There was an informal business meeting. Upcoming coins shows were discussed, and Chuck Elkins read aloud portions of the May and June WCCC meeting reports appearing in the *TNA News*. Mr. Elkins gave the evening's program, on the Spanish Platt fleet that wrecked on Padre Island. These ships were loaded with silver, both coined and uncoined. Many attempts were made to salvage the treasure, but were not very successful. Some portions of the treasure were recovered, and coins still sometimes wash up on shore after a storm. After Mr. Elkins' interesting program, Mr. Gerry Kammer passed around a Mexican silver date set. Informal discussion followed.

The October 6 Show and Tell meeting was attended by 8 members and a guest, Mr. Bob Steinman. Vice-President Gerry Kammer presided. Mr. Rod Sherva gave a talk about the First Wednesday Numismatic Study Group, and also discussed the Garza Mint in San Antonio, which has become a research subject for the FWNSG. Mr. Kammer asked him to be sure to keep the WCCC informed of the progress of the research. Mr. Berezovytych, the club's resident herbalist, gave a talk on the moon flower and gave everyone some seeds, along with instructions on how and when to plant them. He also brought some cochineal bugs and demonstrated how the scarlet dye is extracted from them. Mr. Harry Barnette passed around some currency from the Straits Settlements, and asked if anyone knew whether the country still existed. He then revealed that it was once a British Colony and is now part of Malaysia. Mr. Barnette also had a Hard Times Token, which triggered a lively

discussion regarding its use and purpose. Mr. Steve Liarakos showed a gold Babylonian coin from approximately 500 B.C. More ancient coins, Ptolmeic bronzes, were passed around by Mr. Stahlman. Mr. Kammer showed and talked about a JFK half dollar and a medal minted in Canada to commemorate a park opened to honor the late president. Mr. Moton Crockett talked about a Sicilian piece from 520-500 B.C., which demonstrated how the Roman language was beginning to change due to Greek influence. Mr. Kammer talked about his vacation to Peru, and the ruins he visited there. The meeting was very interesting to everyone, due to the diverse interests of those present.

The WCCC meets the first Thursday of each month at Christ Lutheran Church on Luther Drive in Georgetown. Anyone interested is encouraged to call 512-863-0945 for more information. Come join the fun!

--Erin Davis, club Secretary

DISTRICT V

The **Collin County Coin Club** received its ANA membership packet shortly before its August 18 meeting. Thus, at the meeting, the 20 members and 4 guests (Frank and Eva Jones, James Terry and Donnie Raines) in attendance were informed of the many and varied advantages of ANA membership, both for the club and for individuals. Bill Hixson sadly reported that charter member Ray Taylor had passed away on August 16. Bill's motion to make a \$25 donation to Ray's family was seconded by Sandy Smiley and approved by the club. The hat was then passed among those present, raising the total to \$100. Jim Bundy was welcomed as the newest CCCC member, and Ken Bucher was wished a happy birthday. The membership unanimously approved a motion by Dee Vee Lee and J.R. Davis to get a P.O. box for club mail. President Gary Rollins reported that all tables had been sold for the club's Fall show, and that there was additional dealer demand for more. The meeting concluded after Bill auctioned 66 lots submitted by the membership.

- **Collin County Coin Club Chronicles** (Kim Groves, editor)

The August 18 **Dallas Coin Club** meeting was attended by 13 members. Frank Clark, Ron Blaha and Hal Cherry reported that when they had visited the B. Max Mehl building in 1993, it had been in a sorry state of repair, but that the current owners, Catholic Charities, are in the process of restoring it. It was announced that 100 silver and 200 bronze medals would be struck to celebrate the DCC's 800th meeting in January. A plea also went out to members to help organize a show to generate some income for the club. The evening's program was a round table discussion, conducted by Joe Barthold, on how or why everyone got involved in their hobby or hobbies. Jim Jeska reported starting with a penny board. Joe started at age 10, with a 1904 World's Fair token from his dad. John Creviston began by sorting out silver coins from pocket change. Ben Hong progressed from Indian cents to other

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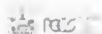
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denominations; he also collects rocks, Coca Cola and Dr. Pepper memorabilia, is involved in metal detecting, archaeology, an antique radio and phonograph club, car clubs, and works part time at the Museum of Natural History. Tom Ragsdale started with a penny album, and got his whole family involved in helping him fill holes - his mother even found a 1909-S V.D.B.! Barry Warner first bought steel cents from a teacher when he was 10 years old. Don Nixon worked at a restaurant, where he got to examine the change. He lost his collection after burying it, and started over by buying silver dollars. Hal Cherry got his interest from his dad, also a collector. Hal also reported buying coins from B. Max Mehl. Jim Leshner bought his first coins at a flea market. David Kyser got his start at age 6, from Victor Toogood, who is still his mentor. Kyle Redd went through rolls of coins at the grocery store where he worked, then started buying coins through the mail. Marvin Menaker's interest was "inherited" from family members. Frank Clark started with his father's stamp collection and some coins from his mom. After the discussion, the auction netted the club \$7.65 from the sale of 31 items.

At the September 15 meeting, 16 members were joined by guest Charles McGarry. Frank encouraged everyone to support the TNA's Coins for A's program with donations of numismatic items or funds. He also asked for donations to the 1995 TNA book auction. It was announced that the club's Christmas party will be a covered dish affair, with the club providing the main course, and that it will be held in the regular meeting room at Dallas International Center. Also announced were 1995 club officers: President, Frank Clark; V.P., Tom Ragsdale; and Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Grant. After business was squared away, Bob Richter gave the program, "Bimetallic Coins of the 19th and 20th Centuries." He cited the advantages of such coinage: durability, difficulty in counterfeiting, and ease of identification. He said that Joseph Moore experimented with them in 1844, and that Italy and San Marino started the latest trend in 1982. Many other countries, including Finland, Indonesia, Czechoslovakia, Russia and Mexico have subsequently issued bimetallic coins and Bob pointed out that in 1992, France and Monaco came out with trimetallic coins. After the program, the club treasury earned \$9.00 from the sale of 37 auction items.

--club newsletter (Michael P. Grant, editor)

DISTRICT VI

At the September 19 meeting of the **Bellaire Coin Club** it was decided to have the Christmas party on Monday, December 5, and that the occasion also be used to honor Greg Nolan for his work on the club show in 1992, 1993 and 1994. A large auction followed the meeting.

On October 3, the evening's program was simply an auction, due to the absence of bingo materials and door prizes. The October 17 meeting was rained out, with only 8 members braving the deluge.

The November-December newsletter reported that Fred Baker had suffered a stroke, and that John Hoover, Sr., of the Rice Coin and Stamp Company, had passed away. The newsletter also carried the club's auction rules, a listing of upcoming shows, and contact and meeting information for other Houston-area coin clubs.

--club newsletter, Charles Templeton, editor

The **Clements Coin Club** announced in September that it will hold its 2nd annual show (and MAJOR fundraiser) at Clements High School on December 17. It will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Auction lot viewing will be from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and the auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. It was noted that the **DICE** of numismatics will be there: Dealers, Investors, Collectors and Exhibitors. Funds raised from the show will be used to send club members to local, state and national shows and seminars. The September 15 *C-Cubed* featured an interesting article by Altan Guezeldere on "Monkey Money," tokens used in an Antarctic whaling station to control the purchase of alcoholic beverages. Peter Keller contributed a report on his trip to the ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado, and another article on proposed changes to U.S. currency. Naureen Sultanali wrote about ancient Greek coins, their design elements, and their manufacture. Cindy Jacobs examined the 1964 Kennedy half dollar, and how it came into being. Judy Matherne shared her knowledge of early American copper coins, with an overview of the three main categories of U.S. large cents: Early, Middle and Late Dates. A brief biography and photo of sponsor Ralph Ross accompanied an announcement that he had been awarded the ANA Medal of Merit. Club meeting programs for the month included a talk by Amy Ng on preparing an exhibit and a video tour of the Denver mint.

In October, Altan reported on the increased interest in Canadian coins by U.S. collectors. Naureen examined English trade and coinage in India in the 17th through 19th centuries. Abid Hassanali related the history of the buffalo nickel, Bhavin Shah wrote a research report on the Susan B. Anthony dollar, and Cindy told the story of the U.S. Double Eagle. Amy Ng described coin grading standards and terminology, and Cris Renné Todd discussed the reasons for collecting coins. Amy also announced that she would be stepping down as club president to devote time to the Academic Decathlon Team. She will continue, however, her work on the newsletter. A letter from Paul Garner and a donation to the club came along with his membership renewal. In his letter, Paul reported that he had nominated Amy for membership in the Numismatic Literary Guild. A letter from Pennsylvanian Gail Kraljevich told all about "Hobo Nickels."

- *The C-Cubed* (Amy W. Ng, editor and publisher)

Guests Gina and Kimberly Callis joined 28 members of the **Greater Houston Coin Club** for its June 16 meeting. Secretary Bernard Loebe

read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were accepted as read. Herb Pasternak gave his Treasurer's report before leaving to attend to urgent business. John Evans suggested that the club consider having a club dinner at the Quillan restaurant, which has food at modest prices. President Jerry Clemons read a "thank you" letter from Byron Paris, who had also recently returned from the Long Beach show. Byron, in turn, gave a very interesting discourse on the show, with observations on the size of the bourse area and the number of attendees. Throughout the evening's activities, Chris Johns ably filled in for absent Vice President Francis Townsend. After refreshments, everyone settled back for the auction, but were disappointed by the lack of quality items. The meeting adjourned after a quick cleanup of tables and chairs.

There were 31 members and 8 visitors present for the July 21 meeting. The guests were Stan Garczynski, Dorothy and Jim Kirk, Todd Kukura, Jack Polourd, Harrison Rees, Bob Templeton and John Pavlovic. By the time the meeting had adjourned, Stan and John had submitted applications for club membership. A.J. Fickessen and Bob Khatami reported that they had not received the July *Double Shift*. After discussing the prospects for the club's annual picnic, members voted to eliminate it for 1994. Chris Johns gave an update on plans to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the club. One item under consideration was reported to be the creation and sale of telephone cards with the club's logo and other pertinent information. To cover the club's increased expenses, a dues increase was proposed; no final action was taken, however. The Coin of the Month program was rejuvenated, whereby everyone bringing a designated type of coin gets a chance to win the whole group. Mrs. Cleesta Anthony was the lucky winner of a small hoard of Indian cents. The first program of the evening was by Jim Kirk of the Bellaire Coin Club. Entitled "Early Commemoratives," the program and associated quiz proved to be very popular. The second (and final) program was the auction, conducted by Arrich and Owens.

President Clemons called the August 18 meeting to order with 33 members and 6 visitors, Connie Annarino, Dick Stewart, Carl & Lucy Fogarty, Ron Stoberg, John Pavlovic and Stan Garczynski, present. Carl, who is a former club officer, had recently returned to Houston, and reapplied for club membership. After reading and approval of the July minutes and the treasurer's report, John and Stan were voted in as the newest club members. Jerry reported that the club's January 13-15 show will include an on-site snack bar. Charles Templeton gave a brief report on the recent Bellaire Coin Club show, which netted a profit of \$2000. The first speaker of the evening was Mrs. Anthony, who gave a meaningful discourse on Indian cents. The second speaker, Mr John Tracy, held the audience spellbound as he revealed an unexpected interest in early Coke bottles. There was a short, but vigorous auction during which several really exceptional items found new homes.

The September newsletter had a well-researched article by Bob Jones

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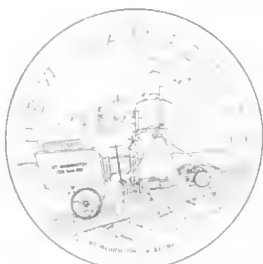
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on triangular coins. Bob scoured over 3,000 auction catalogs to come up with a handful of examples. Members were also informed of a variety of activities they can participate in to earn points towards special club awards.

At the September 15 meeting, guest Jean McClusky was introduced by the president to the 26 members in attendance. TNA District Governor Charles Templeton informed everyone that the reason the club's activities were not being reported in the *TNA News* was that no newsletters or club reports were being sent to the *TNA News* editor. (The situation has obviously been remedied.) Ron Stoberg applied for club membership, and Dick Stewart was voted in. The president reported that the Morricks would again chair registration duties at the show in January. He also spoke of starting a YN's club in Houston, and proposed enlisting the aid of regional clubs. Chris Johns gathered the Buffalo nickels from the Coin of the Month pot, and the October Coin of the Month was announced to be the Morgan dollar. Jerry gave the evening's first program, on the Eisenhower dollar, and the second program was an auction that, unfortunately, didn't generate a lot of excitement. A few items did, however, change hands.

The October newsletter reported that the club had received a complete set of the *John Reich Collector's Society Journal*, which was highly recommended to all collectors of bust coinage. Jerry recounted the story of a 1827 dime, received as a present from his wife in 1963, and finally attributed in 1993 with the help of the JRCS journal. Last but not least, Juniors were reminded that a 5-lb. container of world coins will be awarded to the first YN to write an article for the *Double Shift*.
- **Double Shift** (Michael Wolford, editor)

The October **Pasadena Coin Club** newsletter asked everyone for their ideas about just what they would like to see in its pages. It sought both ideas and articles. It also welcomed new members Jim & Robert Bevill, Maurice Bonefas, Bessie Franklin and Delma Brantner. Paid club membership was reported at 95, including these new folks. A great turnout was reported for the club's Pot Luck Dinner and Bingo. It was announced that club meeting start times would be changed from 7:30 to 7:00, since Wyatt's needs the meeting room to be vacated by 9:00 p.m. Because of this time constraint, it was also decided to reduce the 20 lot auction limit to 15.

The November issue reported that 60 tables had been sold for the club's November 25-27 show, making it look like it would be the biggest and best ever. Volunteers were sought for various support activities. Club Treasurer John Eby was reported to be in M.D. Anderson Hospital, but improving. Everyone was reminded that, effective with the show, regular membership dues would be \$10.00, and junior dues, \$6 00
--club newsletter

DISTRICT VII

The **Alamo Coin Club** met on September 8 in its regular private dining room, with 19 members and a visitor attending. At the Round Table, Bob D. displayed an 1821 U.S. quarter and 2 German Spielmarks (play money). Wayne G. showed a collection of foreign banknotes and several ancient Greek and Roman coins. Harold E. brought a map of the Roman Empire with coin illustrations, from the current issue of *Numismatic News*. In the auction, 24 of the 38 offered lots were sold. Many thanks went to Jack L., who donated a number of books to the auction, with proceeds going to the club.

The September 22 meeting was attended by 18 members, including new member Jim E., and a guest. Jerry C.'s treasurer's report reflected a nice increase from dues payments. Wayne asked that all receipts collected for the KKYX contest be turned in within 10 days. Robert J. and Wayne reported that they had been able to get club meeting notices into the *Express-News* and several neighborhood weeklies. Round Table items included a beautifully illustrated auction catalog of ancient and foreign coins, shown by Wayne G.; a proof platinum Chinese Panda, by Tom C.; a rainbow toned Morgan dollar, a 1967 Mexican World Cup proof, and a 1887 U.S. gold eagle, all from visitor Damon F.; an English D-Day commemorative and a 4th century Chinese coin, both brought by Wayne; and a large bronze medal commemorating the founding of Santa Fe, by Harold E. Afterwards, out of 66 auction lots, 37 sold.

There were 16 people, including former member Nancy M., at the club's October 13 meeting. Vice President Harold E. was reported to be recovering well from recent bypass surgery. President Wayne G. said that he had placed an article on the club in the *Hollywood Park Sparks* newspaper. It was announced that several major coin dealers are seeking help from individuals to support legislation to allow rare coins and precious metals to be included in Individual Retirement Accounts, and that club Secretary Robert Jenkins had more information regarding this movement. At the Round Table, Rick R. had a complete set of U.S. commemorative half dollars; Lou R. showed a 1919 cent he had recently found in circulation; Vicki E. displayed her "24 centuries collection" - a coin from each century from the 4th century B.C. to the present century; and Wayne G. showed a 1994 proof one pound coin from Great Britain. The club's newest member, Erhardt, presented an interesting and informative program on U.S. Fractional Currency. For the auction, Jack L. donated a set of the ANA Centennial History and Anthology, for which there was active bidding. Out of 58 coin lots, 34 sold.

A pair of visitors joined 21 members for the October 27 meeting. New members Clinton & Jean B. and William B. were welcomed to the club. Ron G. brought along his son, Jeffrey. Harold E. back after his surgery thanked everyone for their thoughtfulness during his absence. 1995 ANA dues were approved, as was a \$10 Patron donation to the Early Spring Show to be held in Atlanta, March 2-4. There were some good

Round Table items: Jack L. showed a U.S. Capitol Bicentennial silver dollar; Pyron C. had a 1925 St. Gaudens double eagle in a bezel; Robert J. brought a book, *Money: From Cowrie Shells to Credit Cards*, by Joe Cribb; and Harold E. had an article from the October issue of *Numismatics International Bulletin*, entitled "The Parable of the Seal Matrix," by Bob Forrest. The evening's auction saw 36 of the 68 lots offered change hands.

The November newsletter announced that there would be a free lecture on ancient Jewish coins at the San Antonio Museum of Art on November 16. The speaker was to be Bernhard Overbeck, director of the numismatic collection at the State Museum in Munich, Germany. Also of note was the newsletter's reprint of a condensed version of John S. Davenport's address in 1972 to the Chicago Coin Club, where he dispelled "Some Numismatic Heresies" with advice in the form of Five Commandments. It was most relevant and entertaining

- *The Alamo News* (Harold Eiserloh, editor)

September 1 was auction night at the **Gateway Coin Club**. There were 34 members and 5 visitors present. The visitors were Tammy & Howard Butler of Adrian, Michigan; Elizabeth Dalton, Joan Grover's mother; and young numismatists, Kevin & Alex Best. Nominating committee chair, Miriam Gilmore, asked the present club officers if they would continue to serve for 1994-95, and they agreed to do so. A motion to reelect the officers by acclamation passed unanimously. During the Round Table discussion, Robert Lacewell showed an irradiated 1935 dime and Walter Russell displayed his 1994 U.S. Veteran Commemorative proof silver dollar. The meeting closed with a lively auction conducted by Doc Grover and Bob Rogers.

The club's 32nd anniversary banquet was held on September 15. It was attended by 38 members and 5 guests, Merlyn Witt, Elaine Bailey, Barbara DeViney, Eufemia Rangel and Naomi Funkhouser. A letter from member Vincent Grubb, who resides in California, was read to the group by Karla Galindo. Club Secretary Marianne Hunter reminded everyone to pay their dues. The meal was followed by the presentation of awards by President Frank Galindo. Miriam, Frank, Karla, Marianne, Ray Tate, Robert Lacewell, Harry Allen, Don Hunter and Wayne Gordon were honored for their participation in National Coin Week activities. ANA Educational Award certificates, for members who have given programs at club meetings, went to Miriam (2), Karla, Ray, Frank, Doc, Robert, Cliff Valley, Lou Rangel and Bob Rogers. TNA Club Member of the Month awards, for TNA members who gave programs or wrote articles for *The Gatepost*, went to Miriam, Frank and Don Bailey. TNA Achievement Award certificates went to Miriam (2), Karla, Ray and Frank. Each recipient of an ANA or TNA award also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Gateway Coin Club. Additional GCC certificates went to Doc, Robert, Bob and Don Bailey for serving as club

auctioneers during the year, and to Miriam, Karla, Marianne, Hanna Pettit and Mary Estrada for hosting the Christmas party. Tom Cates and Jim Dracopoulos were absent, but received GCC Certificates of Appreciation. Jim wrote an article for *The Gatepost* and Tom donated items to the auction, with the proceeds going to the club. Frank honored each of the 1993-94 club officers, Marianne, Ray and Don Hunter, with a plaque. The final award, a plaque for outstanding service to the club, was given to Ed Witt. Frank thanked Marianne, Karla and Don Hunter for all their help in arranging the banquet. After the awards, the new officers were installed by Frank, in a ceremony involving a candle and colored ribbons. The banquet closed with a mini-auction conducted by Don Bailey.

The October 6 meeting had a turnout of 20 members and one visitor. The lone visitor, Jim Ehrhardt, joined the club that evening. During the business portion of the meeting, several topics were discussed. The meeting concluded with an auction, with a wide variety of numismatic material. Because of the large number of lots, the auction was conducted in two parts, with Bob Rogers and Don Bailey sharing the auctioneering chores.

The October 20 meeting opened with 26 members and visitor Nelson Schmidt present. Before the evening was over, Nelson had joined the club ranks. During the business portion of the meeting, Ray Tate distributed the 1993-94 club financial statement. Karla read the press release describing the upcoming lecture on Jewish coins. Wayne Gordon announced that he would be teaching a course in numismatics on November 5 through Northside ISD Community Education services. Several members brought interesting items to the Round Table discussion. Walter Russell had a GCC 25th Anniversary medal. Vicki English had her 24 century collection. Rick Rios had an impressive collection of 12 commemorative halves, housed in a plastic holder. Frank brought an octagonal medal of St. Eligius, the patron saint of numismatics. Don Hunter showed some new self-sealing 2x2 coin holders. After the Round Table, there was an auction of 2 books donated to the club by Doc. Walter Russell bought one, and promptly donated it back to the club to be sold again. The club eventually netted \$31.50 from the sale of the books. The meeting concluded with a brisk auction, conducted by Bob Rogers.

The November-December newsletter reminded everyone that the covered-dish Christmas party and gift exchange would be held on December 15. Also in *The Gatepost* was a most interesting article about the life of St. Eligius, who lived from 588 to 659 A.D.

The Gateway Coin Club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at Shoney's, 9950 West IH-10 at the Wurzbach Road exit. Meeting time is 7:00 p.m., but many arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 for dinner and conversation. Visitors are welcome.

- *The Gatepost* (Frank Galindo, editor)

DISTRICT IX

Eight members were present at the September 27 **Lamb County Coin Club** meeting, presided over by President David Keithley. Secretary Harvey Miller reported a total of ten paid members, and Treasurer Larry Sanderson said that the club was solvent. E.L. Pitzer reported on TNA activities, and urged everyone to participate in the TNA projects. In lieu of a formal program, there was a discussion of coin collecting in past years, when club membership was at 35, and average meeting attendance was around 45. Participants reminisced that in those days, collectible coins could be found in circulation, and members nearly always brought coins to trade or to sell.

--Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor

Attendance was down for the September 5 meeting of the **South Plains Coin Club**, with only 21 members present. Sharon Rice reported that the Sirloin Stockade had been reserved for the club's Christmas party. Lamonte Pitzer gave a report on the TNA projects in progress, and signed up one new TNA member. A proposal to have an auction in conjunction with the club's 1995 show was discussed and tabled until further information is obtained. James Golden was elected club representative to ANA. The club has been an ANA member for 33 years, and is a Chapter Life member of TNA. A program and slide presentation on "Coinage of the Americas' First Mint at Mexico City, 1536-1572" was given by Greg Cronholm. The meeting concluded with an auction conducted by Sharon Rice and Hanson Ling.

At the October 3 meeting, there were 22 members and 2 visitors in attendance. President Bobby McMichaels announced that James Golden and Herman Jacobs would be co-chairmen for the 1995 club show. He urged everyone to participate in the planning and execution of the show, and help guarantee its success. The Christmas party and annual charity auction were scheduled for December 5, and members were reminded to make reservations with Sharon Rice. Lamonte Pitzer reported on the September TNA Board meeting in Austin. James Golden gave an ANA slide presentation on odd-shaped coins, and another on significant coins of the world. An auction by Rice and Ling again concluded the meeting.

--Lamonte Pitzer, District IX Governor

DISTRICT X

An "end of summer" newsletter from the **El Paso International Coin Club** summarized the events and club activities of the previous few months. The East El Paso Ballroom in the Plaza del Sol Shopping Center has proven quite satisfactory for club meetings, and arrangements were made for its continued use. Members who have articles or items of historical interest to the club were encouraged to get them to Millard Brown for inclusion in the club's permanent files. The club's family picnic was held May 29, and was attended by about 50 people. Officer

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elections were also held in May, with the following results: President, Ken Price; V.P., Bill Boutwell; Secretary, Helen Boutwell; Treasurer, Preston Brown; Sgt. at Arms, Terry Woelper; and Henry Gonzalez and David Chan joined Jim Karam and Millard Brown on the Board of Directors. Club educational activities have featured Ken Price's lectures on error coins and the use of the *World Coins* reference book, and John Grosi's extremely interesting program on "Leper Colony Money and Medals." Members were also introduced to *The Numismatic Aspect of Leprosy*, a book co-authored by John, Roger McFadden and Dennis Marr. The monthly club auctions have continued to be popular, with 40-50 items typically changing hands. The club membership total has remained in the low 90's, including new members Neal Wilkinson and Pete Gonzalez. Planning for the February club show was running ahead of schedule, with chairman Randy Abbey and his assistants, Preston Brown and Bill Boutwell, doing a great job. The Christmas party was scheduled for December 15. And, on a somber note, the club mourned the passing of dedicated, long time members Ed Young and Larry Bettis.

Also of note from District 10 is that Mark Koenigsberg has relocated his shop to 4327 Montana, El Paso, TX 79903.

- *International Coin Club of El Paso News*

DISTRICT XI

The September 27 **Golden Spread Coin Club** newsletter reported that, due to the extreme profitability of the club's annual show, \$500 was donated to the Raymond Bates Scholarship Fund at West Texas A&M in Canyon. Also, \$50 in cash and \$50 worth of coins, purchased from Franky Hill's Amarillo Coin Exchange, were donated to TNA's Coins for A's program. It was also reported that, although there will be no club picnic this year, the Christmas party had been scheduled for December 4. A coin quiz challenged readers to name the individuals depicted on 8 commemorative half dollars.

Tommy Tomkins and James Harding did a program on coin grading at the September meeting. Both had attended the ANA Grading Seminar in Colorado Springs during the summer. For Show and Tell, Kerry Dittich had a 1908 cent, a 1931-S cent, 1917 quarter and 1913 half dollar, each of which she asked Tommy to grade; Jim Laub had the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial commemorative dollar; and Francis Runkle had a set of 1982 cents showing each of the different metallic compositions used during that year, and a Santa Fe Railroad medal. Paulla White received a 1923-S silver dollar for selling the most advance tickets to the club's raffle, and a Liberty commemorative for selling the winning ticket. A 1984 mint set was presented to Ron Hoskins for selling the second largest number of tickets.

The October 31 newsletter contained a word search puzzle containing the names of over 2 dozen ANA presidents. It was announced that the GSCC had won TNA's Darrah award for having the highest percentage of

TNA members. The ballot for club officers was also printed, with the following candidates: President, Mike Ecklund, 2nd V.P., Ron Hoskins; Secretary, Neal Runkle; Treasurer, Paulla White; and member at large, R.L. "Tommy" Tompkins. Volunteers were still needed for two at large positions and for 1st V.P., who is in charge of programs. The election was set for the November 7 meeting, which serves as the annual meeting for this incorporated club.

--club newsletter (Nela Runkle, editor)

DISTRICT XIV

The September and October meetings of the **Hidalgo Coin Club of the Rio Grande Valley** were held at the People's Church in San Juan, with 28 and 30 in attendance. The club voted to put a listing in the Club Directory of the *TNA News* for the next year. One visitor in attendance was from Reynosa, Mexico's Sociedad Numismatica. A recent program was a video on Jefferson full-step nickels. TNA District 14 Governor Helen Snider gave a report on the TNA Board meeting held in September in Austin. There was a reminder to everyone that TNA needs donations of numismatic books for its auction, to be held during its annual convention in Fort Worth, March 31-April 2.

--Helen Snider, District XIV Governor

DISTRICT XV

The August 18 meeting of the **Beaumont Coin Club** was called to order by President Ed White, with 10 members present. Bill Stein gave a report for the Show Committee. Jack Provost had reported to Bill that 6-8 more tables had been sold during the Bellaire show in August. The club voted to hold its Christmas party at Red Lobster on December 15. Judy reported on the ANA's "grab bag" program for member clubs. The grab bags contain material that has been deaccessioned from the ANA Museum, which is ideal for use as door prizes or auction material. The club voted to buy \$200 worth of material from the U.S. Coins and U.S. Currency categories. Everyone was reminded of the club's annual auction, to be held in November. Jerry Williams gave a brief report on the Detroit ANA Convention. It was also reported that ANA has money available to be used by local clubs to advertise their club shows. Jerry gave some Did-You-Knows. Barbara Edwards gave an excellent program on B. Max Mehl, famous Fort Worth dealer and publisher of the *Star Rare Coin Encyclopedia*. It was a very informative talk.

The September 15 meeting was attended by 13 members. A good fall show was anticipated, with 22 tables reported sold as of October 1. A Youth Auction was scheduled for the Sunday of the show (October 23), and donations of lots were still being accepted. The ANA grab bags had arrived, and the members voted to auction off the material gradually over the next year. J.D. Theall was voted into club membership. J.D. also reported that his grandsons are interested in coin collecting, and

everyone hoped to see them at the Youth Auction. Jerry gave some Did-You-Knows, and a line program on the history of the club, from its founding in 1954 by Reggie Newton, to the present Jerry made a motion to make Mr. Newton, who still resides in Beaumont, an honorary member, it was seconded by Judy and approved unanimously. After a brief auction, the evening's refreshments, procured by George Fortune from a local bakery, were a big hit.

--Judy Matherne, club Secretary

The Greater Orange Coin Club meeting of September 8 opened with 11 members and a visitor present. The visitor was either Delton Anthony or George Fletcher, both of whom were members by evening's end. Barbara reported on the upcoming fall show and Youth Auction. The possibility of presenting each outgoing club president with a medal was discussed and approved. Since meeting attendance has been up, it was decided to try monthly auctions again. Everyone was asked to try to bring a few items for inclusion in the auction.

The November newsletter each member to think about officers for 1995, and to contact a present officer to volunteer to serve.

--J.P. Barnes, club Secretary

The September 1 meeting of the Port Arthur Coin Club was attended by 22 people, including 3 visitors and 3 new members. The new members were Lois Robertson, Anna Taylor and Ed White. A motion was made by Barbara, in response to Gary Gerald's comments in August, that an award be presented to YN's who give a program. The motion was seconded and approved, with the form of the award to be decided later. Jerry Williams and Mr. Rodriguez made donations to the Youth Auction set for the October show. Ken Seholm requested that each club member to do likewise. Members approved a motion to donate a copy of the *Cherrypicker's Guide* to the local library in memory of Bill McNeill. Everyone was reminded that Sugar Land's Clements Coin Club will be having their annual show on December 17, and they were encouraged to attend and support C3, the largest high school coin club in the country. The PACC set its Christmas dinner for December 1. Jerry agreed to look into ANA certificates for presenters at club meetings. This evening's program was by Rick Lanclos, who introduced everyone to the world of Space Memorabilia. He passed around and talked about medals made from space capsule metal, and currency signed by astronauts.

The October 6 meeting had 11 people in attendance, including renewing member Steve Lacobie and new member Julian Bruno, the son of charter member Ray Bruno. The October 23 Youth Auction was reported to have been a smashing success, with about 30 kids bidding on 62 donated lots. However, dealer attendance at the show was low, due to travel problems caused by the devastating floods in the area. This, in turn, caused many of the 500 or so attendees to stay only a short time, due

to the relative lack of material. The evening's program, by Barbara, was a slide presentation on U.S. gold coins. She also discussed the nearly 40 year long prohibition against private gold ownership in the U.S.

- **Dollars and Cents** (Ken Seholm, editor)

The **Silsbee Coin Club** met September 17, with 12 members present. Jerry Williams presided, and opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag. Jack Provost gave a treasurer's report. Jerry led a discussion about the club's Christmas party, resulting in it being scheduled for December 27 at the Red Onion in Lumberton. Everyone was encouraged to attend the October 22-23 club show, and to give Ken Seholm and Judy Matherne some help with the Youth Auction on the 23rd. Everyone was also asked to donate something to the Youth Auction. Jerry reported on the September TNA meeting in Austin. Judy reminded those present that the Beaumont club would be having its annual auction on November 17. Jerry gave the program for the evening, on California gold. It was very good. Barbara Edwards promised to do the October program, which will be a follow-up on California gold and the San Francisco mint, in the form of a slide presentation.

--**club newsletter** (Barbara Edwards, editor)

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Twenty-one members and two visitors, Cindy (Mrs. Wayne) Reidel and son, Kyle, were present for the September 8 **Waco Coin Club** meeting. Welcomed as new members were Nell Beckermann (Becky's mother) and Randy Booth. Nell is the fifth person from Bell County to join the club, tying Bosque County for the lead in out-of-county membership. After some serious discussion, the club voted to stage a coin and stamp show in 1995, as they have since 1977. A motion to move the club's meeting time to 7:00 p.m. passed unanimously.

At the October 13 meeting, President Glenn Hardin announced that Dalton Adams, Gerry Kammer and George Kubal would serve on the Show Committee, and that Alan Wood would be Bourse Chairman. Also, the Waco-based, non-profit Coins For Teachers group plans to distribute coins at the show, and is seeking donations. Club officer nominations were announced, as follows: President, Darron Ellsworth, 1st V.P., Mal Lucas; 2nd V.P. (Program Chairman), John Jones, Secretary, Becky Beckermann; and Treasurer, George Kubal. The floor will be opened for additional nominations prior to the election. The club unanimously approved a motion to hold its Christmas party at Uncle Dan's Rib House on December 8. Glenn also reported that K-Mart has offered space, free of charge, to present a numismatic display to publicize the club. The details were sketchy, and Glenn promised to look into the matter further. Two Show & Tell programs were presented. John Jones exhibited a \$3.00 note picturing President Clinton, which even the host, Jay Larsen, found amusing. Fred Gowdy displayed several

examples of the new Jefferson commemorative dollar, including a set containing a matte prooflike 1994 nickel and a \$2.00 bill. During the evening's auction, which concluded the meeting, a set of tokens, including one from Waco's legendary Cotton Belt Bar, was hammered down for \$26.00.

The October newsletter noted that it was on October 8, 1942 that Congress authorized the wartime alloy of 35% silver, 9% manganese and 56% copper for the Jefferson nickel. The November newsletter reminded readers that on November 7, 1976 Mint Director Mary Brooks hosted a reception celebrating the completion of the restoration of the Old San Francisco Mint, also known as "The Granite Lady"

- -WACOINews (J.P. Jones and George Kubal, co-editors)

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